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1. DURING CALL ON UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TODAY, KHANE INFORMED US THAT WALDHEIM HAD SIGNED OFF ON THE APPOINTMENT OF PEIDER KONZ TO BE DIRECTOR OF POLICY COORDINATION DIVISION (PCD).

2.DURING ENSUING DISCUSSION, WE AGAIN REITERATED THAT, WHILE KONZ HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM, HIS QUALIFICATIONS APPEARED TO RUN IN DIRECTIONS OTHER THAN ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THIS REASON WE HAD PRESENTED OTHER CANDIDATES FOR KHANE'S CONSIDERATION. KHANE'S RESPONSE WAS (A) THAT KONZ HAD STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM DAVIDSON; (B) HE DID NOT REGARD IT AS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST AS DIRECTOR OF PCD. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS GENERAL MANAGERIAL ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE UN SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY UNDP PROCEDURES, WHICH KONZ APPEARED TO HAVE. WE ALSO RECALLED OUR REQUEST WHEN PRESENTING OTHER CANDIDATES THAT KHANE GIVE US HIS REACTIONS TO THEM BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION, SINCE USG WISHED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN DEITNFYING BEST TALENT AVAILABLE. THIS PRODUCED NO CLEAR EXPLANACONFIDENTIAL

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